

Ranger Led Hikes and Campground Programs



Roving Ranger Programs are presented to you by a partnership team comprised of both National Park Service and Forest Service rangers and volunteers. The Roving Rangers provide free ranger programs that are a fun and entertaining way to learn about and experience the great outdoors with family, friends and your neighborly park ranger!
Come exploring with us today!



Date	Time	Program	Description	Meeting Location	What to Bring	Directions
Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday	10:00am -4:00pm	Arizona Snowbowl Skyride Summit Ranger Talks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lift cost \$19/person age 13-64, \$10/person age 6-12 & 65-up, and free age 5 and under. Ranger talks are always free. Visitors should be comfortable with heights. High elevation: 11,500 feet. Weather changes happen rapidly; be prepared! Great views. Kid friendly. 	Top of the Snowbowl Lift.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. Camera. 	Directions
06/05/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program: The Ways and Whys of the Universe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come join a ranger Robert Wallace at the amphitheater for a chat and discover the wonders of our universe that have captivated people's curiosities since the Stone Age. 45 minutes in length. Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. Kid friendly. 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions
06/06/15	10:00am	Guided Walk: Bombastic Basalt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The eruption of Sunset Crater Volcano certainly influenced the lives of past inhabitants and its powerful presence can still be a lesson for all. Come join a ranger Robert Wallace at the Lava Flow Trail for a fun 40 minute ranger-led walk. Walk is one-mile in length; overall terrain is easy, with some minor elevation change and stairs. Kid friendly. Park entrance fees apply. 	Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, at the Lava Flow Trailhead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. Camera. 	Directions

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06/06/15	3:00 pm	Dairy Springs Guided Walk: Natural Wonders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come discover the beauty of a ponderosa pine forest with Rangers Steve and Nancy Galas. • No dogs please. • 45 minutes in length. • Walk is 0.5 miles. • This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs. • Easy, kid friendly walk. 	Meet at the Dairy Springs Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera. 	Directions
06/06/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program: The Abert Squirrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The handsome tassel-eared Abert squirrel can be found in the forest of Northern Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. Discover this relationship and their impact on the forest. • Meet Rangers Steve and Nancy Galas at campground amphitheater. • 45 minutes in length. • Seating provided. • Wheelchair accessible. • Kid friendly. 	Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. • Flashlight. 	Directions
06/07/15	9:00am–12:30pm	Guided Walk: Aspen Loop/AZ Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate National Trails Day all weekend long and attend a guided hike along the Arizona Trail with interpreters Chelsea Schroeder and Ellen Wade. • Enjoy great views and spring flowers on this moderate 4-mile out and back hike. • Prizes awarded in honor of National Trails Day! • Call 928-527-8238 with questions. 	Meet in the parking lot for Humphreys Trail just below Hart Prairie Lodge near the top of Snowbowl Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera. 	Directions

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06/11/15	9:00am-12:00pm	Guided Hike: The Cursed Incline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climb Flagstaff Lumber Company's ill-fated railroad incline up Anderson Mesa with USFS interpretive rangers Steve and Lois Hirst. Hunt for the disappearing outhouse, hear about the fireman's jump for his life, and see remnants of long gone logging operations atop the mesa. Difficulty: moderate with a 500-foot elevation gain. 	Meet at the first gravel pullout ¼ mile past Lower Lake Mary Dam.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water. Hiking shoes. Camera. 	Go about 7 miles south on Lake Mary Road and meet at the first gravel pullout ¼ mile past Lower Lake Mary Dam.
06/12/15	10:00am	Guided Walk: Bombastic Basalt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The eruption of Sunset Crater Volcano certainly influenced the lives of past inhabitants and its powerful presence can still be a lesson for all. Come join a ranger Robert Wallace at the Lava Flow Trail for a fun 40 minute ranger-led walk. Walk is one-mile in length; overall terrain is easy, with some minor elevation change and stairs. Kid friendly. 	Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, at the Lava Flow Trailhead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. Camera. 	Directions
06/12/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program: That Stinks!—Skunks in Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We've all come to recognize the skunk's classic black and white stripes, but what should you do if you encounter one? By understanding more about these animals you can protect yourself and your pets and learn how to reduce the risk of getting <i>skunked</i>. 45 minutes in length. Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. Kid friendly. 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions

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06/13/15	9:00am-11:00am	Guided Hike: Leroux Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leroux Springs Walk, an easy 2 mile walk to Little and Big Leroux Springs. Led by Karen Malis-Clark and John Westerlund. Visit the history and observe the revival of the springs. Call 928-527-8238 with questions. 	Meet 1 mile up Snowbowl Road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. Camera. 	Directions
06/13/15	3:00 pm	Dairy Springs Guided Walk: The Seldom Seen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Seldom Seen. A guided walk about the mysterious things in nature that are typically overlooked, but vital to understanding the natural world. 45 minutes in length. Walk is 0.5 miles. This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs. Easy, kid friendly walk. 	Meet at the Dairy Springs Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water. Hiking shoes. Camera. 	Directions
06/13/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program: The Ways and Whys of the Universe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come join a ranger at the amphitheater for a chat and discover the wonders of our universe that have captivated people's curiosities since the Stone Age. 45 minutes in length. Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. Kid friendly. 	Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions

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06/19/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program: Volcanoes of North America.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come listen in to a tale about the fiery effects of volcanoes in northern Arizona and beyond. Pictures of awe-inspiring eruptions and the stories of one man's traveling adventures will inspire you to embark on your own bold wanderings! • Program conducted by ranger Eric Zeliff. • 45 minutes in length. • Seating provided. • Wheelchair accessible. 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. • Flashlight. 	Directions
06/20/15	3:00 pm	Dairy Springs Guided Walk: Life in the Ponderosa Pines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come discover the forest's plants, animals, and overall health. • No dogs please. • 45 minutes in length. • Walk is 0.5 miles. • This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs. • Easy, kid friendly walk. 	Meet at the Dairy Springs Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for weather. • Sun protection. • Water. • Hiking shoes. • Camera. 	Directions
06/20/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program: That Stinks!—Skunks in Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've all come to recognize the skunk's classic black and white stripes, but what should you do if you encounter one? By understanding more about these animals you can protect yourself and your pets and learn how to reduce the risk of getting <i>skunked</i>. • 45 minutes in length. • Seating provided & wheelchair accessible. • Kid friendly. 	Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. • Flashlight. 	Directions

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06/20/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program: Hummingbirds of Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the tiniest bird in North America and a personal encounter in nature with a Broad-Tail Hummingbird, by Rick Ruess. 45 minutes in length. Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions
06/20/15	1:00pm-4:00pm & 8:00pm-10:30pm	Astronomy program: Our Wondrous Night Sky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar telescope viewing from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the park visitor center. Astronomy presentation from 8:00pm – 8:45pm at the Lava Flow Trail, located 1.5miles east of park visitor center. Telescope viewing and constellation tours from 8:45pm – 10:30pm, at the Lava Flow Trail, located 1.5miles east of park visitor center. Wheelchair accessible. Kid friendly. 	Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Red flashlight or headlamp. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. 	Directions
06/25/15	8:00am - 11:00am	Guided Hike: Gnarly Trail to Brookbank Tank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's not really gnarly! Enjoy a walk in the pine and aspen, see birds and appreciate historic Basque glyphs. 4-miles, moderate hiking with Interpretive Ranger Jane Jackson. See you there! 	Meet at the Schultz Pass "Y" at 8:00am to carpool up to the trailhead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. Camera. 	Directions Take H-180 N from Flagstaff. Turn right on Schultz Pass Rd. Drive down about 0.4 of a mile to the Y in the road.

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06/26/15	9:00am-12pm	Guided Walk: Schultz Burn-Origin to Waterline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join USFS rangers Steve and Lois Hirst and Karen Malis-Clark on an interpretive hike into the Schultz Burn area to see its recovery five years later. Learn about wildfire, plant succession and drainage reconstruction. This is an easy three-mile round trip hike that begins at the origin of the fire and leads into the restoration area along the Waterline Road. 3 hours. 	Meet at the Schultz Tank parking area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water. Hiking shoes. Camera. 	<p>Take US 180 north to Schultz Pass Road and follow it 5.5 miles to meet at Schultz Tank parking area.</p> <p>Alternatively, take US 89 nine miles north to FR 556 (Little Elden Spring Road) and drive about 5 miles to FR 420 and left to Schultz Tank parking area.</p>
06/26/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join a Park Ranger for a 45 minute slideshow presentation Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. Lots of fun! 	Bonito Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions
06/27/15	3:00 pm	Dairy Springs Guided Walk: Natural Wonders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come discover the beauty of a ponderosa pine forest with Ranger Steve and Nancy Galas. No dogs please. 45 minutes in length. Walk is 0.5 miles. This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs. Easy, kid friendly walk. 	Meet at the Dairy Springs Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water. Hiking shoes. Camera. 	Directions

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06/27/15	8:00pm	Campground Evening Program: The Abert Squirrel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The handsome tassel-eared Abert squirrel can be found in the forest of Northern Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. Discover this relationship and their impact on the forest. Meet Ranger Steve and Nancy Galas at campground amphitheater. 45 minutes in length. Seating provided. Wheelchair accessible. Kid friendly. 	Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Flashlight. 	Directions
06/27/15	8:00pm	Ranger led night hike: Delving into the darkness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Night hike along Rim Trail. Come attend a nighttime adventure walk along the rim of Walnut Canyon, and hear about the adaptations of nocturnal animals through fun ranger-led activities. 45 minutes in length. Wheelchair accessible. Kid friendly. Event is free, park entrance fees are waived for this special event. 	Meet at the Walnut Canyon National Monument Visitor Center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. Red flashlight or headlamp. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. 	Directions
07/11/15	9:30am-10:30am	Ranger led guided walk: Ancient Tools and Techniques.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A ranger led walk with ancient tool and technique demonstrations. Come attend a fun filled walk near the Mormon Lake Lodge and experience the tools of people of the past. Walk will take place on easy terrain and is approximately 0.5 miles in length. Program/walk is approximately 1 hour in length. Kid friendly. Event is free. 	Mormon Lake Lodge, at the Environmental Learning Center (behind the pizzeria).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water. Hiking shoes. Camera. Snacks or lunch. 	Directions

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07/18/15	1:00pm-4:00pm & 8:00pm-10:30pm	Astronomy Program: Our Wondrous Night Sky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar telescope viewing from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. • Astronomy presentation from 8:00pm – 8:45pm. • Telescope viewing and constellation tours from 8:45pm – 10:30pm. • Wheelchair accessible. • Kid friendly. 	Walnut Canyon National Monument Visitor Center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. • Red flashlight or headlamp. • Water & snacks. • Walking shoes. 	Directions
08/15/15	1:00pm-4:00pm & 8:00pm-10:30pm	Astronomy program: Our Wondrous Night Sky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar telescope viewing from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the park visitor center. • Astronomy presentation from 8:00pm – 8:45pm at the Lava Flow Trail, located 1.5miles east of park visitor center. • Telescope viewing and constellation tours from 8:45pm – 10:30pm, at the Lava Flow Trail, located 1.5miles east of park visitor center. • Wheelchair accessible. • Kid friendly. 	Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing appropriate for cooler evening temperatures. • Red flashlight or headlamp. • Water & snacks. • Walking shoes. 	Directions

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9/26/14	10:30am	Festival of Science Walk: Moonscape Adventures in Flagstaff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagstaff's volcanic backyard filled a unique niche as the preparation grounds for the United States' first exploration to our moon! Come attend an hour walk with rangers to learn about how a simulated moonscape was created so astronauts could train for their trip. The walk will take place on the site of the old training grounds. Participants should meet rangers at Forest Service Road 776, just down 776 from its intersection with Highway 89, at the first pullout on the left, where the electric/phone line crosses the 776 road. This parking area will serve as our meeting spot. The group will caravan to the hike location. Parking is limited please plan to carpool when possible. Road 776 is gravel and the section that we'll be traveling is accessible for passenger vehicles. Hike is approximately 1 mile. Walk size limited to 30 people. Reservations required. Call: 928-526-0502 	Forest Service Road 776 of the Coconino National Forest, Flagstaff, AZ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing appropriate for weather. Sun protection. Water & snacks. Walking shoes. Camera. 	Directions To get there take H-89N from Flagstaff. Make a turn to the east (right) onto FS Road 776. It's approximately 12.5 miles (20 minutes by vehicle) from downtown Flagstaff.



Roving Rangers History



The Roving Rangers is a partnership team comprised of both rangers and volunteers from the National Park Service and the Forest Service. It's the mission of this group to provide free ranger programs in and around the Flagstaff area, that provide visitors with fun learning experiences in the out of doors. It is the intent of the Roving Rangers to bring understanding and inspiration to all ages, provoking the citizens of the world to cherish our natural world and act to preserve natural and cultural resources. The Roving Rangers Partnership was created in 1991 by John Nelson, United States Forest Service (USFS) employee, and Kim Watson, National Park Service (NPS) employee. It is now in its 24th season and has delivered a multitude of guided walks and talks for visitors and residents of the Flagstaff area.

Where we work:

During the summer, from Memorial Day Weekend through early September, the Roving Rangers conduct ranger-led programs each weekend at three local campgrounds. The partnership also provides an interpretive ranger at the top of the Arizona Snowbowl Scenic Skyride to answer questions and describe the natural history and panoramic views amid the spectacular San Francisco Peaks. Some of the most loved ranger-led programs include beautiful, exciting guided walks in Flagstaff's three local national monuments and throughout the hidden trails of the Coconino National Forest.

The partnership:

The Partnership is an example of a working public/private relationship. The two private partners are Arizona Snowbowl and Recreation Resource Management (RRM), and the two public partners being the National Park Service and the Forest Service. RRM is contracted by the USFS to run the local Forest Service campgrounds and also to provide quality interpretation at three campgrounds with amphitheaters --- Dairy Springs Campground (west side of Mormon Lake), Pine Grove Campground (about a mile past Upper Lake Mary), and Bonito Campground (adjacent to the entrance of Sunset Crater Volcano NM). The creation of the partnership helps RRM fulfill their program requirements and enables the NPS and USFS to provide visitors with quality experiences.